



Presidents Report

Hi Fellow Woodies,

Just a short column this time. I will be overseas from 16 be keeping a check on my e-mails. Brian Harris will also be away in May so please look after the machinery. Max Barrenger will be away in April and May so Graham Beaumont has kindly volunteered to bring you the Fitch and Chips. John Muller's gluing demo went very well with a good turnout of interested members.

The deep hollowing demo on Saturday was well attended but mainly by visitors from other clubs.

Where were all our Turners?

The seats for the Maleny Soldiers Memorial Hospital memorial walk are now finished thanks to John Holland and all his helpers. Rob Otto, with all his helpers have finished the set of three coffee tables for the Barung Landcare raffle for the Maleny Chainsaw to Fine Furniture Expo and Hamish has nearly finished the new shelves for our expo. Well done everyone, this is what our club is all about and makes me proud to be a member as I'm sure it does for all of you.

Lionel Tilley is next in line in needing your help to make 6 simple benches for a community project. Please see Lionel if you would like to assist him, you will be made most welcome and could be a learning experience for novice woodworkers.

Our demonstrations on Saturday mornings are all going well and Lionel has them lined up almost to August. Please check the notice board for dates.

Don't forget the club competition that will be judged at our July expo. The club champion judged best overall from all the competition entries will also be announced. The categories will be:

Wood turning - face plate and spindle. Carving. Box making. Furniture. General woodworking. Pyrography. Intarsia. General scroll saw work and Instrument making. All categories will be judged in either novice (the member has 12 months or less experience in the discipline and the article has not been entered in competition before) or open. Please be involved, it's good fun and it's good for the club.

Good news. Club member, Ted Martin, badly injured in an accident is well on the road to recovery and could possibly be transferred to a hospital closer to home in the not too distant future.

To any members not feeling the best at the moment remember, we're thinking of you and wish you all a speedy recovery. If there's anything the club can do for you, please let us know.

Keep the wood pile low and the shavings high.

Happy Woodworking,
Frank McDonald
President



New Members

576	Donald Stuart Lear	584	Dianne Schiemann
577	Tony Haigh	585	Lesley Anne Mott
578	Vincent Allan Friend	586	James Stuart Gemmell
579	Glenda Websdale	587	Glenys Joy Hiley
580	Carol Jopp	588	Gregory John Hiley
581	John Dalziel	589	John Carter
582	Susan Dalziel	590	Lena Smeaton
583	Klaus Schiemann		

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Maintenance Report

By Brian Harris

21/3 Drum Sander - More problems! The platen electronic control for the motor has developed a fault and burnt out. Also the platen fails to track in the centre of the machine and has destroyed itself. Together with the high usage of replacement sanding belts this machine the most expensive for the club to maintain and may be removed or replaced.

Bench Drill - The return spring has broken and will be replaced as a new part is available.

Floor standing Drill Press - New keyless chuck fitted. The return spring on this drill has also broken and will be replaced.

25/3 Belt Sander - New belt fitted.

Small Pen Making Lathe - Tail stock damaged, now repaired.

28/3 Bench Drill & Floor Standing Drill - New return springs fitted.

30/3 Laguna band Saw - A new blade has been fitted to this saw, and again two days later.



Tips and Tricks

By Warne Wilson

HOT MELT GLUE: One of the handiest aids around the home workshop.

When you have a small odd shaped piece to shape and sand and no way of clamping it; Perhaps part of a toy or maybe an infill piece to repair a damaged carving. Try clamping a pedestal stick of wood vertically in a vice then hot glue the piece to be shaped to the top end. You will find this will give you clearance all round to shape and sand. To remove the finished piece try a putty knife to lever it off but be careful not to use too much force and break fibres out. Otherwise you can put it in the freezer because most glues are easy to break when frozen – or try warming the piece with a hair drier. You can always use a heat gun, but keep your distance, don't scorch the wood.

For light turning projects, for example a thin disc which would not create much centrifugal force when turning at speed, screw holes or chuck recess can be avoided by using hot melt glue on a faceplate. To remove the turned item simply remove the faceplate with its completed turning from the lathe and apply heat to the back of the faceplate.



A spot of hot melt glue on the insertion end of a wire peg board bracket will fix the annoying problem of these brackets falling out every time you take an item from them.

There are many possibilities with hot melt glue – a great point is that this glue will grip straight away – no waiting for it to set. Think of it next time you have a problem where it could be used.

More next month!



Timber Management Committee Report

We have a large quantity and variety of dry timber at the moment so please make use of it at our specially reduced prices.

Safety Notes

By Warne Wilson & Dave Banister

The most sensitive and valuable of all of our assets are our eyes. They are right in the forefront of our woodworking activities and yet we tend to ignore the danger we expose them to when we fail to protect them. We often say that when something happens with a power tool or machine, it will happen in the fraction of a second before you can blink. Any sort of a catch with a lathe tool or other machine can turn a sharp chip into a projectile. Please wear eye protection!

Machines are inanimate things, they cannot call out when you are hurting them, they do the only thing they can – they can jam, or kick back, or slow down under heavy load. Recently someone winched the drum sander right down into contact with the moving platen with the result that the expensive platen was ruined, and in stalling it overloaded the platen motor causing a burnout and expensive and time consuming replacement. Please remember that our machines are friendly when treated with care and respect, but they can be fearsome when used carelessly.

Dust is a health hazard. Our dust producing machines are fitted with sophisticated ducting. Please check that the 'gate' is open on a machine before you use it. And SHED CAPTAINS! Please switch on the overhead filters at the beginning of your shift.

Woodies Calendar

The Maleny Wood Show
Brisbane Wood Expo...
Club Expo, Montville...
Christmas Expo, Montville...
Club Christmas Party, Flaxton Gardens...

3rd & 4th May
15th, 16th and 17th May
4th & 5th July
5th & 6th December
11th December

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Picture of Phil fitting in perfectly on his first day as a new shed captain, please help Phil in his new role by following and respecting his experienced guidance

A fantastic piece of turning by Ken Reays



Around the shed

By Graham Beaumont, Dave Bannister and Max Barrenger

John Muller's gluing demonstration

For those that missed it, it was a very intuitive demonstration on the types of glues available to us and the correct applications along with an excellent demonstration on testing glues on certain types of timbers



John Muller showing the testing methods
Used when we purchase a new glue product
Poetry in motion!



Here's John again showcasing his glue forced creeping device
it's all very technical stuff!



John Holland proudly posing in front of the Benches for
Maleny hospital auxiliary memorial walk before delivery



A gorgeous set of nested tables for the Barung raffle

Member feature

By Trevor Jorgensen

MEET RON FISHWICK— Member No 298

Ever met a man who was totally content with who he is, with his own space in the world, and has no wish to change anything? Well here is one such bloke, a genuine “Woodie”. A man very content with his life and career, and rightly so.

There is a lot to be told about Ron Fishwick. We see him on many days at the Woodies, the Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild (BRWG), enjoying the companionship of many of the members. There are some surprising aspects to Ron’s life that many might like to know. Now, did you know he is an extraordinary talented carpenter joiner/supervisor/ manager? And for example, you don’t get too many opportunities in life to organise maintenance/refurbishment for Australian Embassies, Ambassadors residences, Heads of Missions and staff residences overseas for the Commonwealth Government. Well Ron did. And that was in over 90 overseas countries.

Ron Fishwick ... January 2015. A high achiever, always innovative.



Since then? Over his working life, Ron has supervised the building of so many homes, major construction projects, and industrial projects, that he has simply lost count. “Building my own home in Canberra” he reckons “was one of his major construction efforts (like childbirth) and probably my greatest extravagance.” But it was in the last six or eight years of his working career, that a new opportunity opened the door (so to speak) to a new challenge that was, working for the Department Of Administrative Services – Overseas Property Group. And that meant attending to the renovations, extensions and repairs to Australian Embassies and properties overseas, as Maintenance & Refurbishment Manager controlling 21 Building Services Officers scattered throughout the world. The organisation that went on behind the scenes for these

projects must have been to put it mildly, mind blowing.

As a Manager for the Commonwealth Department of Administrative Services, what was the most challenging?
Dealing with bureaucracy, with difficult contractors and in tight inflexible budgets!

Did you find any bugs in the Embassy walls?
Only obstinate the bug-gars out there

Some say they get a lot out of being a member of the Woodies? What is the most that you get out of being a member?

The companionship, and the bond between people with similar interests. And the sharing of knowledge and experiences of members. And of course, having the opportunity use the tools to make whatever I want to make, something I did not have time to do in my working life as a manager.

And the best piece of woodworking you personally prize?
A 9-sided glass cabinet that takes pride of place at our home.

What about the mistakes in woodworking? We all make them. What is your worst one?

I once made a three-tiered octagonal pot stand. Took three days to make. Going to be an entry in a competition. Glued it up with ten cramps, finished it off, nice and square, and plumb - all good. Left it overnight and did not check it till morning. Ended up with a replica of the leaning tower of Pisa. Lesson learnt. Don’t ever take your eye off the cramps, glue, settings, everything - and never assume all is OK while you are not looking. Works in life like that, doesn’t it?

What makes you smile Ron?

Achievement. Satisfaction.

And what annoys you?

Wasting time. Wasters don’t realize they’ll run out of this precious gift one day.

What is a word that best describes you?

I am told by others that I am a friendly, outgoing bloke. Check it out if you like.

(Well Ron, we did and couldn’t find anyone who can argue this description! TJ)

What do you read? And what gives you the inspiration

Crime and espionage mainly. I like the mystery and suspense that the authors are able to implant in a book. Sometimes I can’t put a book down. It’s all inspirational stuff.

And who is your favourite author?

Robert Ludlum. But Ken Follet, Wilbur Smith and Geoffrey Archer are a close second.

What type of music do you like to listen to?

Popular and classic. Stuff that never ages, like Abba.

Hip Hop?

You must be kidding. Too old for that!

And your greatest personal indulgence?

My family.

What do you think is your current state of mind?

Sound (I hope). Don't check that!

Do you think Australia needs to be made better?

Yes. For all Australians and our grandchildren.

What would you do, if you had the means, to make Australia a better place?

Create work experience for our younger generation and for our grand kids and their children. For example introduce National Service. This to get young men & women off the dole & give them further incentive, that is, apprenticeship schemes within the forces covering all trades, plus a future within the armed services. In the years to come Australia will have a severe shortage of trades' people than at its present rate? More incentive should be given to trade apprenticeships and nursing etc. To make these opportunities more appealing perhaps a bonus system on completion of each individual's choice could be made, say a possible \$5000.

This could be partly offset by savings on dole payments & give our younger generation a meaningful & working lifestyle.

If you had a handful of kids about you and you were giving advice, what would you say to them?

Be positive in what you do. Think seriously in regard to your future. Carefully investigate the various avenues and flexibility in your career choice, as what you select might not be available in the short term, so always have a second and third choice.

Save for a rainy day. Don't be influenced by others.

What is your philosophy on life?

Family is so important to a man. My philosophy on life is to hold tight to your family unit, nurture them, and love them all to bits. At the end of the day, this is what life is about. Nothing else comes close.

Each month we will be profiling a member of the Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild to introduce all members to each other, and to newer members of the club. Max ed



The finished form

Deep Hollow turning with Ken Reays

By Graham Beaumont

Ken Reay's kindly paid the BRWG another visit last Saturday very much to the delight of all those in attendance.

As per Ken's previous visit he came walking in with a great big hunk of wet trunk under his arm, a box of tools, some impressive display pieces of his work and his impressively long and solid turning tool.



Ken Mounting the log onto one of our Jet Lathes



Roughing down the log



The brilliant use of light to gauge wall thickness

Shed Times 8.00 - 11.30	
Monday	General Activities
Tuesday	Turning & Carving
Wednesday	General Workshop & Toys
Thursday	Furniture & Joinery
Friday	General Activities
Saturday	General Act. & Demo's

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Timber Management	John Holland, Frank McDonald, Ron Donald, Phil Gibson	

Shed Captain Roster - May 2015

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
								1	John Muller	2	Keith Muirhead
4	John Muller	5	TBA	6	Leigh Boynton	7	Ray Bryant	8	Dave Edmond	9	Graham Bradford
11	Dave Banister	12	Tom Black	13	John Close	14	John Drewe	15	TBA	16	Warne Wilson
18	Lionel Tilley	19	Bruce Chapman	20	Phil English	21	John Holland	22	John Muller	23	John Henderson
25	Brian Harris	26	Phil Gibson	27	Hugh McKenna	28	Spike Bettega	29	Frank McDonald	30	Keith Muirhead

Shed Captain Roster - June 2015

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
1	John Muller	2	Frank McDonald	3	Max Barranger	4	Ray Bryant	5	Dave Edmond	6	Graham Bradford
8	Dave Banister	9	TBA	10	Leigh Boynton	11	John Drewe	12	TBA	13	Warne Wilson
15	Lionel Tilley	16	Tom Black	17	Rob Otto	18	John Holland	19	John Muller	20	John Henderson
22	Brian Harris	23	Bruce Chapman	24	John Close	25	Spike Bettega	26	Frank McDonald	27	Keith Muirhead
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